

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendments filed January 30, 2009. In the instant amendment, claims 10 and 11 have been amended.
2. The 35 USC 101 rejection over claims 10, 11 and 13 is withdrawn in view of Applicant's amendments.
3. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9-11 and 13-19 have been examined, and all remained pending claims now are allowed (renumbered 1-14).

Examiner's Amendments

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
5. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Heavener, Registration No. 61,512, on April 7, 2009, to obviate any 35 USC 101 and 112 issues and put the case in condition for allowance.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11 are amended as follows:

Claim 3 (Currently Amended).

After line 4, insert a new line with a central processing unit (CPU):

Claim 5 (Currently Amended).

Line 4, delete [wherein] and insert comprising:

After line 4, insert a new line with a central processing unit (CPU):

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Line 18, after "wherein said", insert detection.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended).

After line 4, insert a new line with a central processing unit (CPU):

Claim 10 (Currently Amended).

Line 4, delete [wherein] and insert comprising:

Claim 11 (Currently Amended).

Line 4, delete [wherein] and insert comprising:

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Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

6. As Applicants pointed out in the Remarks, the prior art of record (the SafePatch Manual) do not disclose and/or fairly suggest at least claimed limitations in independent claim 1 *"...performing a first step wherein a network-connected-computer list which holds, for all computers connected to a given network, information for identifying each computer, and a software-property management list... performing a second step wherein there is created a list of computer omitted in the software-property management based on the computer extracted that is present in said network- connected-computer list and absent in said software-property management list in the first step, ...a list of computer in unused state based on the computer extracted that is present in said software-property management list and absent in said network-connected-computer list"* and similarly recited in such manners in other independent claims 3, 5, 6, 10 and 11 (Remarks, pp. 11-17).

These claimed limitations are not present in the prior art of record and would not have been obvious, thus all pending claims are allowed.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thuy Dao (Twee), whose telephone/fax numbers are (571) 272 8570 and (571) 273 8570, respectively. The examiner can normally be reached on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached at (571) 272 3695.

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